



MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006 MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY – CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Melissa Graffigna called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Dana Agader, Marlene Blackwell, David Ellis, Melissa Graffigna, Dean Hazama, Douglas Mossman, Kim Ribellia, Alan Suwa and Pamela Young.

GUESTS: Scott Snifer (Hawaii Bicycling League), Capt. Smith (Honolulu Fire Department), Michelle Kidani (Mayor's Representative), Castle & Cooke: Carlton Ching, Alan Arakawa, Laura Kodama, Kathy Best, Garret Matsunami and Heather Ho; Carpenter's Union: Don Lune, Lance Yoshimura, Shayne Ching; Bert Takita, Elaine Cabuso, Stylen Cabuso; Coastal Construction: Cliff Respicio, John Pitts, Rob Makachi, Joe Roin, Mark Velmoja, Kawika Benz, Nathan Kamahale, Wesley Chun, Garren Takara, Ted Langas, Richard Chun, Kaleo Winchester and Carl Stephenson; Representative Marilyn Lee, Kevin Kinvig (USDA – NRCS), Jan Kemp (Board of Water Supply), Mike Kide (PRP), Teresa Lau, Edmund Aczon (US Senator Dan Inouye's Office staff), Lani Mesaleck (Wahiawa General Hospital), Rodney Sato, David Bremer (Mililani/Waipio Neighborhood Board No. 25) and Kelley Santiago (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

POSTING OF COLORS BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 664: The Mililani Mauka Boy Scout Troop No. 664 Honor Guard posted the Colors of the State of Hawaii and the United States. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER: The Neighborhood Assistant administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed board member, Dana Agader.

APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The following correction was made:

Page 3, NEW BUSINESS, last paragraph: delete "(3)".

Ellis moved seconded by Hazama to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alan Suwa reported the following account balances for February 2006: (1) Operating - \$1,258.34 (2) \$877.00 (3) Refreshment - \$120.00

Ellis moved seconded by Hazama to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0-0.

RECOGNITIONS: The previous Governor's Representative assigned to the board, Jan Kemp was recognized for her valued service and timely responses to concerns raised by the board and community.

Kemp will no longer service the Board as the Governor's Representative.

The agenda was taken out of order.

Hazama moved seconded by Ellis to add "Resolution in support of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for area public schools" to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0-0.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND CONCERNS:

Honolulu Fire Department – Capt. Smith reported the following: (1) Fire Safety Tip: Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level. Since cooking vapors and steam can set off a smoke detector, the detector should be located away from the kitchen or bathroom. Wall-mounted



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detectors should be positioned four to twelve inches below the ceiling and away from air vents. The following results are from a survey conducted of 80,000 elementary school students in which almost 48,000 responded: 87% of the homes had smoke detectors and 2% were not certain whether one existed. Of the 87%, 67% of the families tested their detector that month and only 71% of the smoke detectors were operational. This enforced HFD's belief that "Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level.

Honolulu Police Department – A representative was not present.

Military – Ellis reported the following for Maj. Campbell: (1) The Army has returned to Makua and conducted Blank Fire training which includes the use of helicopters, trucks and weapons with blank ammunition and select pyrotechnics. (2) The Army's support of the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) will end April 1, 2006 due to the deployment of the 25th combat Aviation Brigade MEDEVAC to Iraq. (3) The Army Stryker Medical Evacuation Vehicle (MEV) is here to educate the citizens of Hawaii about the vehicle and its capabilities.

Board of Water Supply – Jan Kemp reported the following: (1) There were no main breaks to report for the month of January. (2) The 2006 Water Conservation Week Poster Contest's theme is "Each and Every Day I Save Water My Way". The deadline for entries is Thursday, March 9. Winners will receive a savings bond, will be included in the 2007 Water Conservation Calendar, and their entries will be displayed at City Hall to commemorate Water Conservation Week. For more information, go to www.boardofwatersupply.com or call 748-5041. (3) March 5-11 is Detect-A-Leak Week on Oahu. Promotional flyers and leak detection dye tablets for toilets will be available at BWS on Beretania Street, various hardware stores, and all satellite city halls.

Oahu Arts Center (OAC) – Ribellia had no updates but reported that the Annual Mozart Festival would take place on February 25, 2006 at the University of Hawaii Manoa campus.

Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP) – Young distributed copies of a letter from Hawaii Pacific Tennis Foundation to the Department of Enterprise Services dated February 1, 2006 requesting permission for the foundation to move into the new clubhouse. Approval was not granted. Young requested the item be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Castle and Cooke – No report.

Other Community Concerns – None.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:

The agenda was taken out of order.

Update/Status Koa Ridge Project – Project Manager, Lauren Kodama of Castle and Cooke was present to update the board on project. She reported that the master plan would include homes, schools, parks, a recreation center, and a commercial use facility. Delivery of the first completed homes is expected in 2010.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) It was mentioned that the need for an additional high school is pertinent as the current schools are overcrowded. (2) Comment was made that the State Department of Transportation and the Department of Education coordinate to ensure the proper impact fees are assessed. (3) In speaking of enrollment projections for schools, it was pointed out that the information is inaccurate.

The agenda resumed order.

Update/Status Pacific Health Center – Rodney Sato and Lani Maseleck were present to update the board on the status of Pacific Health Center. The development of the center will include Health Care, Sports, Wellness and Adolescent, Medical Education, Research and Biotechnology Facilities, and a Senior Care Facility.

Presentation on Kipapa Gulch Pathway Project – David Bremer briefly provided some information regarding the Kipapa Gulch Pathway. Bremer reported that the pathway is the only presently available route through

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Kipapa Gulch other than the H-2 Freeway, which is not pedestrian or bike friendly. He added that the pathway would provide an alternative route to and from Mililani for emergency vehicles in the event of an accident or other event closing the H-2 and/or Kamehameha Hwy. The estimated cost to resurface the path is under \$1 million. Scott Sneider and Kevin Kinvig of the Hawaii Bicycling League were also present and expressed support of the project.

Resolution requesting the Honolulu City and County Sponsorship of Kipapa Gulch Pathway for pedestrians/bicyclists on the Old Kamehameha Highway – Young introduced the following resolution, seconded by Blackwell:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING HONOLULU CITY AND COUNTY SPONSORSHIP OF A KIPAPA GULCH PATHWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS/BICYCLISTS ON THE LD KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the State-owned, paved roadway known as the Old Kamehameha Highway through Kipapa Gulch can provide bicycle and pedestrian access from Mililani to the Central Oahu Regional Park and other destinations including Honolulu and Leeward Oahu; and

WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway, the only road toward Honolulu from Mililani other than the H-2, has no pedestrian access and was declared unsafe for bicyclists by the State Department of Transportation (DOT) more than a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, the State DOT is willing to quitclaim ownership of the Old Kamehameha right-of-way to the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. military, under a non-exclusive lease with the State DOT, has ceased regular use of the old road since deactivating the former fuel-storage site, and

WHEREAS, the Kipapa Gulch proposal is supported by the Neighborhood Boards in the surrounding communities of Waipahu and Mililani (NB #s 22, 25, 35), the Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory Committee, Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., the Pacific Health Center, Inc., the Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council, and the Hawaii Bicycling League; and

WHEREAS, the Kipapa Gulch Pathway is listed as a top Priority I (near-term) proposal in the 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, with City and County of Honolulu sponsorship, the pathway proposal will become eligible for application for 80 percent federal-funding support through Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation manages, maintains, and operates all recreational facilities of the City, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to enhance the leisure lifestyle and quality of life for the people of Oahu through active and passive recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Kipapa Gulch Pathway will promote alternatives to automobile commuting, satisfy a requirement of the Central Oahu Regional Park EIS requiring pedestrian access to the park from surrounding communities, provide a scenic and historic pathway, and enhance the health, safety, and enjoyment of community residents; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Neighborhood Board No. 35 requests the City and County of Honolulu sponsor the planning, construction, and maintenance of the Kipapa Gulch Pathway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to Mayor Hannemann, All members of the City Council, the City Departments of Transportation Services, Planning and Permitting, and Parks and Recreation, Governor Lingle, the State Department of Transportation, all Neighborhood Boards, City Bicycle Coordinator Chris Sayers, State Bicycle Coordinator Neal Honma, the Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory

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Committee, Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., the Pacific Health Center, Inc., the U.S. Army Hawaii Public Affairs Office, the Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council, and the Hawaii Bicycling League.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the board, 9-0-0.

Resolution regarding the delay in further residential development in Central Oahu pending modifications and review to the City and County of Honolulu's Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan – Ellis introduced the following resolution, seconded by Graffigna:

RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING A DELAY ON FURTHER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL OAHU PENDING REVIEW AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S CENTRAL OAHU SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN

Discussion followed: (1) Ribellia stated that the resolution, with a change in title and minor modifications, is the same resolution that the board voted against at a previous meeting. She recommended that separate resolutions be done to address the affordable housing issues and the sustainable communities plan. Chair Graffigna reported that the request was made at the last community forum to add the item to the agenda. (2) Suwa disclosed a "conflict of interest" since his employer is Castle and Cooke. He requested that the resolution be reworded, since the intent is not to stop construction. (3) Hazama recommended speaking to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) regarding the Sustainable Communities Plan. Ellis reported of failed attempts to discuss the issue with DPP and stated that they would attend neighborhood board meetings. (4) Blackwell stated that she is not against development, but would like transportation, education and affordable housing issues addressed first.

Ribellia moved seconded by Hazama to table the item until the City's Department of Planning and Permitting and Corporation Counsel reviews the Resolution. The motion passed, 6-3-0. (Aye: Hazama, Ribellia, Blackwell, Mossman, Agader and Suwa. Nay: Ellis, Graffigna and Young.)

Resolution in support of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for area public schools – Hazama introduced the following resolution, seconded by Ribellia:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) FOR
AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, much needed repair and maintenance of existing Department of Education (DOE) school facilities as well as building of new facilities to meet our overcrowded public school population is critical to student achievement;

WHEREAS, the construction of a new ten classroom facility at Mililani High School, repair of Leilehua High School's athletic fields and construction of restroom facilities for new portable classrooms at Mililani Ike Elementary are just a few of the long overdue projects that will address our student's health and safety concerns; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Neighborhood Board No. 35 strongly supports passage of Senate Bills 1145, 1146, 1738 and 1801 and corresponding House Bills 948 and 2603; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii, Members of the Hawaii State Legislature, the Board of Education, the Superintendent, Department of Education and all other Neighborhood Boards.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the board, 9-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

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Mayor's Representative – Michelle Kidani reported the following: (1) Mililani Ike traffic signal: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is expected to issue its final approval by end of the month. (2) Mayor Hannemann will present his State of the City address on Friday, February 24 at Honolulu Hale. (3) A “rediscover” even will be

held in Mililani. The next planning meeting is on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at Mililani District Park. The event is planned to take place on May 6 and 7 at the Mililani District Park.

Governor's Representative – A representative was not present.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz – Brandon Mitsuda distributed the council member's report and highlighted the following: (1) Mililani Ike Elementary now has a new recycle bin. (2) The City has been regularly pruning the trees surrounding Mililani Fire Station and the air conditioning unit was also fixed.

Senator Robert Bunda – A report was distributed but a representative was not present.

Senator Ron Menor – A representative was not present.

Representative Marilyn Lee – Representative Lee distributed her report and highlighted the following: (1) The Friends of Mililani Library are looking for new members. A registration form to join the group was attached to the representative's report. (2) The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) held a meeting at the Convention Center on February 15, 2006 to present the draft of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2030. Copies of the draft ORTP and forms for submitting your comments are available. The draft ORTP can be downloaded from www.OahuMPO.org/ortp. Submit comments to OMPO by March 15, 2006. (3) The Mililani complex Schools are holding their annual Healthy Living Wellness Fair on February 25, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Center of Mililani.

Representative Marcus Oshiro – A representative was not present.

All other Legislative Reports – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation – No report.

Education – No report.

Health/Public Safety – No report.

Planning/Zoning – No report.

Recognition – No report.

Military/Civil Defense – No report.

Parks & Recreation – No report.

Legislative – Chair Graffigna announced that Dana Agader would be the new chair of the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board will be held on March 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria.
2. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on March 7, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Mililani Ike Elementary School.

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3. On April 4, 2006, the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley and Mililani/Waipio Neighborhood Boards will be holding a Community Forum to discuss the Central Oahu Communities Sustainable Plan. Meeting will be held at Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.
4. Students of Mililani High School will be collecting recyclables on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25 at the school to raise funds for a trip to Europe.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objections, Chair Graffigna adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelley Santiago
Neighborhood Assistant